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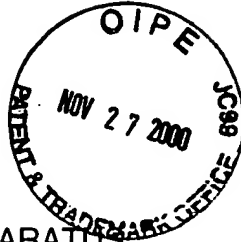
In re application of:

MIYATA et al.

Serial No.: 09/630,815

Filed: August 2, 2000

For: DIGITAL RECORDING APPARATUS



**ATTN: APPLICATIONS  
DIVISION**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 27, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the claim as follows:

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--2. (Added) A digital recording apparatus to which a signal obtained by subjecting signals on a plurality of channels to time division multiplexing is inputted, comprising:

a storage device having a by-channel compression rate storage area for storing a compression rate for each of the channels;

a compression circuit for performing, every time the signal corresponding to one field is inputted, compression processing using the compression rate stored in the by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in the storage device; and